



St Joseph's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

The NSW Government has established a **Living Safely with Pets Program** for delivery to Kindergarten and Year 1 in NSW schools by a team of Pet Educators and their suitability tested dogs. The Program uses multimedia, role play, song and story to provide a smorgasbord of stimulating activities to teach a wide range of concepts relating to responsible pet ownership.

The Program focuses on:

- Teaching children how to be safe around dogs
- Responsible Pet Ownership

While the dog/s that come along with the Pet Educator are appropriately trained and very used to children, we are aware that there may be some children who are reluctant around dogs. If your child or children are likely to be fearful of dogs, or if you are concerned at all, please let us know. We will pass this information on to the Pet Educator as well as the class teachers to enable them to support your child during the session.

We are very much looking forward to the team of Pet Educators coming to St Joseph's, and see this as an invaluable opportunity to highlight the responsibilities that go hand in hand with owning a pet. The times are as follows:

Date of visit: Monday 30th March 2020

Times: **Kinder:** 12:30-1:10pm

Year 1: 11:45am-12:25pm

With thanks

Tess Koning
Principal